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December 18, 2013

Mr. Wilfred Wong, Director
Community Development Department
City of Auburn
1225 Lincoln Way, Room 3
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Mr. Wong:

RE: Review of the City of Auburn's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Auburn's draft housing element update received for review on October 21, 2013 along with revisions received on November 4, 2013 and December 17 and 18, 2013. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. Various communications with your consultants Ms. Jennifer Gastelum and Ms. Cynthia Walsh of PMC facilitated the review.

The draft housing element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The element will comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

To remain on an eight year planning cycle, pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of October 31, 2013 for SACOG localities. If adopted after this date, the City of Auburn will be required to revise the housing element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline (Government Code Section 65588(e)(4)). For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf.

The Department is pleased to inform the City that 4th cycle housing element compliance meets one of the threshold requirements of the Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program which rewards local governments for approving housing affordable to lower-income households. The HRP Program, funded by Proposition 1C, provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying unit permitted since 2010. Grant awards can be used to fund park-related capital asset projects. The HRP Program 2013 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), released October 2, 2013, announced the availability of \$25 million in grant funds to eligible applicants. Applications are due January 22, 2014. Further information about the HRP Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/>.

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The Department appreciates Auburn's efforts and cooperation in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving the adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Paul McDougall, of our staff, at (916) 263-7420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Glen A. Campora". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" being more prominent.

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director